

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-14 are pending in this application. In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 8, 9, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,228 to Bandaru; and Claims 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bandaru and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,838,314 to Neel.

It is respectfully submitted that the applied art does not teach or suggest a user contents control unit configured to control recording of the content data received by the receiving unit into a recording area corresponding to each user apparatus, with a user ID indicating each user who offers the content data to be shared and a shared data flag in a database, as recited in Claim 8 and similarly recited in Claims 13 and 14.

The Office Action asserts that Bandaru teaches in column 15, lines 37-57; column 16, lines 1-13; and column 17, lines 10-26, the above-recited features of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully disagree. That is, Bandaru does not disclose or suggest recording of the content with a user ID indicating each user who offers the content data.

In particular, Bandaru discloses as shown in Figures 15 and 16, digital media frames (DMF) associated with an account that includes a user profile stored in a user profile database. The user profile contains information specific to the particular DMF. A user can select one or more share lists from the available share list. That is, at block 1605 of Fig 16, the user indicates on the DMF that a share operation is to be performed. At block 1610, the DMF displays the available objects in the DMF to allow the member to select one or more objects to be shared. The selected objects can be distinguished from the non-selected objects by a check mark or bold border. When the member completes the selection, the DMF

displays the available share list previously generated by a member. At block 1615, the member may select multiple share lists in which case the recipients in the multiple share lists receive the selected objects. At block 1620, the DMF network sends a copy of the selected objects to each of the recipients identified in the selected share list. As such, the unique account of Bandaru is merely for management of the members who are in the same DMF network.

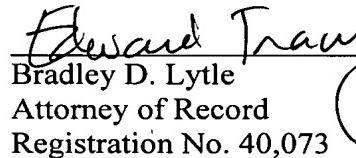
Accordingly, Bandaru does not disclose a user contents control unit configured to control recording of the content data received by the receiving unit into a recording area corresponding to each user apparatus, with a user ID indicating each user who offers the content data to be shared and a shared data flag in a database. Neel does not make up for the deficiencies of Bandaru discussed above. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and § 103 is respectfully requested.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 8-14 is patentably distinguishing over the applied art.

The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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